Representation against Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore

3336. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government hape received a number of representations against the present Director of the Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore;

(b) if so, the nature of the presentations received; and

(c) the details of action being taken or likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representations contain allegations of various administrative and financial irregularities.

(c) The complaints are under preliminary stage of examinations.

Training of officials at Biological Nitrogen Fixation Resources Centre at Bangakok

3337. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ten officials were given training for five weeks at Biological Nitrogen Fixation Resources Centre at Bangkok under the UNDP supported project on Development and Demonstration of Bio Fertilizer;

(b) what are the names and designations of these officials;

(c) what was the criterion of their selection;

(d) what useful related activity have these officials done after receiving such training; and

(e) the number of actual days of Demonstration in one year have these officials spent on the fields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) A training course on Bio-fertilizer for 10 officials was organised at Biological Nitrogen Fixation Resources Centre at Bangkok from 14.9.1992 to 16.10.1992 under the UNDP project on Development and Demonstration of Bio-fertilizer.

(b) A statement is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) Officials involved with Bio-fertilizer development alone have been selected.

(d) and (e) The officials concerned have improved their skill and are contributing to better standards of production and shelf life including quality control measures of Bio-fertilizer. No specific target for Demonstration for officials were fixed. The knowledge gained by these officials is utilised for extension work related to Bio-fertilizer.

Statement

The names and designations of the officials deputed for training at Biological Nitrogen Fixation Resources Centre at Bangkok under the UNDP Project on Development & Demonstration of Bio-fertilizer.

	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. P. Bhattacharya	Senior Microbiologist-Cum-Regional Director, NBDC, Ghaziabad & Regional Director, RBDC, Nagpur.